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"IF I FORGET THEE, O JERUSALEM! LET MY RIGHT HAND FORGET ITS CUNNING."—Ps. 137. 5.

SYNOD'S HOME MISSION

In the *Record* of last October was a short article explaining the necessity of each Presbytery having a Home Mission organization, the money to be raised by collectors, and to be spent within the Presbytery. In connection with this, collecting schedules were sent to each Presbytery, and it is to be hoped that they have been distributed and used everywhere. Unless they are sent to every adherent, Ministers and Sessions do not fulfil their plain duty. To show the advantage of them, let us cite the instance of a country congregation,—Little River, Musquodoboit. Two years ago, the minister used all his eloquence in urging a church door collection for this object, and the next Sunday \$9 were put in the plates. The year after, he disregarded eloquence, but took the trouble of dividing the congregation into districts, and of sending two collectors to each, and \$37 were cheerfully given. He printed the lists with the names in the Presbytery's report, and this year, without the slightest additional trouble, \$50 have been subscribed. In 1868, Truro tried the plan of a church door collection for the same object, and got \$10. This year, schedules are used, and \$50 are at once the result. Surely every Presbytery will be able to report at next meeting of Synod that the schedules sent have been faithfully tried.

But while congregations may or may not assist a Presbytery Mission, it is altogether different with the object that heads this article. The Synod has always commanded that a collection be taken up for its Home Missions generally, by every congregation that owes it allegiance. Last year this duty was neglected by some. This is not the place to mention names, but at next Synod, it may have to be considered whether the Synod should recognize those who refuse to recognize it. The people may give as much or as little as their consciences bid them, but a public opportunity to give must be afforded them.

What is done with the money so raised? Well, the whole amount last year was only \$300; still, we would have done very badly without it. It assisted the Mission at River Inhabitants and Broad Cove, C. B.; it paid a Catechist for six months at Loch Lomond, and helped to pay for Mr. McDonald's missionary services in Pictou Presbytery; and this year it will be the means also of